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SOVIET RUSSIA ACCEPTS REQUEST

AGREES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN GENOA—BEGIN DISCUSSION TODAY OF REPARATIONS QUESTION

Cannes, Jan. 10.—Soviet Russia has accepted the invitation to attend the coming economic conference at Genoa. A telegram from Foreign Minister Chitcherin announcing the soviet acceptance was received here this evening.

The subcommittee which will meet tomorrow to frame the text of the invitation for the meeting at Genoa was confronted tonight by the nice diplomatic question of whether it should send out an invitation to a country which already has signified its intention to be present.

Simultaneously with the making public of Russia's intention to have representation at Genoa, it became known that the German delegation headed by Dr. Walter Rathenau, will arrive in Cannes Wednesday to discuss the question of reparation with the supreme council.

The reparation experts and committee dealing with the proposed international financial corporation today outlined their program, which comprises a vast effort for European reconstruction. The reparation experts decided that Germany should be asked to pay 720,000,000 gold marks in 1922 and at least an equal sum annually afterwards. Such payments it is considered will be sufficient to meet the interest on a series of German bonds of 20,000,000,000 gold marks, which thus will become negotiable.

The economic commission decided upon an international corporation with a capital of 2,000,000 pounds with its seat in London and with a board of directors nominated by affiliated companies in each interested country. These countries, including the United States, will organize corporations for promotion only, with a combined capital equivalent to 20,000,000 pounds. These corporations will serve as mediums for credit transactions and facilitating the activities of private enterprises in all countries where the business field now is obstructed by lack of credit and disorganized finances. This plan presupposes the organization of affiliated companies in Germany as well as in the United States.

HOTEL WILL BE SOLD

Finch Again To Go On Block in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Jan. 10.—S. T. Lanham, master in equity, has advertised the Finch hotel for sale again, sales day in February. The hotel was sold sales day in January Mrs. W. T. Finch being the purchaser at \$266,000. All bidders were required to put up a forfeit of \$8,000. This Mrs. Finch will lose unless some arrangements can be made for them to stop the sale. It is said that Mrs. Finch has sufficient backing to stop the sale yet, and that the hotel will be opened for traffic in a few weeks.

OFF TO COLUMBIA

Lawmakers Met in Columbia Yesterday at Noon

Senator J. Howard Moore left today for Columbia to represent this county in the general assembly which convened Tuesday. T. A. Putnam, member of the lower house left Monday. Hubert Cox, the other representative, is already in Columbia, where he has resided since his marriage. Senator Moore was not able to attend the opening session Tuesday because of the illness of Mrs. Moore.

POULTRY ASKING FOR PROTECTION

TARIFF WANTED ON EGGS FROM CHINA—HARTSVILLE MAN IS ONE OF TRIO OPPOSING DUTY AS URGED BY OPPOSITION. VEGETABLE OIL FIGHT.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Protection for the poultry industry was urged before the senate finance committee today by B. F. Kaupp of the North Carolina department of agriculture who protested especially against free frozen eggs from China. He said he wanted a tariff that would "bridge the difference in the cost of production here and in China."

Rates suggested by the witness were eight cents a dozen on shell eggs, eight cents a pound on frozen eggs, 24 cents a pound on dried eggs, four cents a pound on live poultry and five cents a pound on dressed poultry.

An import tax of four cents a pound on peanuts, both shelled and in the shell, was requested by John B. Pinner, of Suffolk, Va., who said there were large importations from China and that there should be an equalizing of production costs in the United States and China.

American production alone this year, the witness said, has been sufficient to supply all the demand in this country. Prices now are so low, Mr. Pinner added, that the raisers are in a bad way financially.

A duty of 25 per cent. ad valorem on naval stores—rosin and turpentine—and synthetic camphor was urged by Robert Ash of this city, of counsel for the Turpentine and Rosin Producers' association in a brief filed with the committee.

Mr. Ash said that whereas the United States produced approximately 85 per cent. of world's production of turpentine and rosin before the war, it now produced only 62 per cent. The remaining 38 per cent., he added is "supplied by the rapidly increasing production of France, Mexico, India, Spain, Italy and other countries."

POISONED AT SACRAMENT

Ten Men Drink Wood Stain For Wine

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 10.—Ten men, nine of them deacons and elders, poisoned yesterday by wood stain served by mistake for sacramental wine during communion services of the Seventh Reformed church here, were pronounced out of danger today. Sjoerd Rolkersma was the only one seriously affected by the stain, but his condition was greatly improved today.

The sacramental wine was kept in a closet under the choir loft. A jug of wood stain used in repairs to the closet and one of the elders preparing the communion accidentally put the stain in the communion cup.

COTTON GINNED

Figures to January 1 Show Crop Is Three Million Short.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Cotton ginned prior to January 1 amounted to 7,884,272 running bales, including 123,320 round bales, counted as half bales; 30,093 bales of American-Egyptian, and 3,106 bales of Sea Island. To January 1, last year, 11,554,648 bales were ginned, including 202,127 round bales; 64,262 bales of American-Egyptian and 1,449 of Sea Island. South Carolina ginned 770,558 bales.

OPENS NEW SHOP

Griffin Nickels Locates in Old Edison Parlor

Griffin Nickels, who recently returned from Columbia to operate the Clinkscales shoe shop on Trinity street, has bought equipment of his own and has opened a shop in the old Edison Parlor, next to the Kerr Furniture Company.

AMUNDSEN MAY SOLVE SECRETS

HOPES TO AID WEATHER PREDICTIONS—DISCOVERER OF SOUTH POLE ABOUT TO MAKE GREAT EFFORT AT NORTH. FOR YEAR IN ADVANCE

New York, Jan. 10.—Within four years Capt. Roald Amundsen, Arctic adventurer and discoverer of the South Pole, expects to return to civilization from the North Pole in possession of the knowledge and power that will enable scientists to predict weather conditions for a year or more in advance.

Captain Amundsen, who arrived here tonight from Seattle, is en route to Washington, where he will discuss with directors of the Carnegie institute details of his renewed attempt to drift across the top of the world in his ice-bound craft.

With him he will take instruments for a super-scientific study of the upper air reaches of polar regions, he says he will attempt to work out the theory of Prof. Vilhelm Bjerknes of the University of Christiania, Norway, that the weather conditions at the North Pole govern the weather of the remainder of the earth's surface and that an intimate knowledge of the farthest north weather will enable scientists to determine for a year or more in advance a more or less exact chart of weather conditions in the remainder of the world. If this is accomplished he said, it will prove an inestimable boon to the world's crop growers.

REELECT OLD OFFICERS

Banks Hold Stockholders Meetings Yesterday

Stockholders of the Planters, Farmers and National banks held meetings yesterday and today, reelecting officers and directors in each case.

The Farmers Bank directors reelected are: J. F. Barnwell, F. E. Harrison, C. C. Gambrell, J. F. Clinkscales, P. B. Speed, C. D. Brown and W. H. White. The old officers will serve another year: F. E. Harrison, president, P. B. Speed vice president, J. C. Thomson, cashier and G. C. Swetenburg, assistant cashier.

The Planters Bank stockholders reelected L. C. Parker, W. H. White, J. D. Kerr, J. S. Sark, J. L. McMillan, J. A. Gilliam, H. A. Benton and Otto Bristow directors. The executive officers also were reelected: J. S. Stark, president; L. C. Parker, vice-president; Otto Bristow, cashier; Ray Gallman, assistant cashier.

Directors of the National bank of Abbeville are J. Allen Smith, Sr., M. Barnwell, Lewis Perrin, A. M. Smith and J. S. Morse. The directors chose the following officers, all of them reelected: J. Allen Smith, president; W. M. Barnwell, vice president; Lewis Perrin, cashier and Neil Swetenburg, assistant cashier.

HIGH PRICE FOR LAND

Historic Plantation Sold in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Jan. 10.—One of the most historic places in Spartanburg county, known as the Bobo place, the home of H. S. Lipscomb, sold under bankruptcy proceedings this afternoon, was purchased by Dr. S. T. D. Lancaster of Pauline for \$12,000. Additional land sold brought more than \$24,000 averaging something over \$150 per acre.

Tennessee Road Brings \$1,500,000

Nashville, Tenn. Jan. 10.—C. H. Hovey assistant manager of the Nashville Industrial Corporation today purchased the Tennessee Central railroad at the upset price of \$1,500,000.

CONTINUANCE MOVE MADE FOR CORBETT

SLAYER OF THREE AGAIN IN COURT—JUDGE HAS NO RESPECT FOR OFFICER WHO RUN AWAY TO PROTECT PRISONERS.

Orangeburg, Jan. 10.—Motion for continuance of the trial of Carlos Corbett, charged with the murder of Hugh Fanning, was made when the case was called here today and after hearing argument, Judge Prince announced he would make his decision tomorrow morning. Corbett was indicted on charges of killing three men and blinding a fourth in March, 1920, and at his first trial was acquitted of the murder of Bryan Salley. When called to trial, charged with the murder of Julian Cooper, his counsel entered a plea of former jeopardy, which is pending in the United States supreme court. At the opening of his trial today on a charge of the murder of the third of the trio, Corbett's counsel moved that the case be continued until the supreme court decides the appeal in the Cooper case which, it was indicated also would be made in this case.

The three men, who were killed, and Jonas Salley, who lost his eyesight, were passing Corbett's home in the western part of Orangeburg county and he opened fire on them in the belief that they had set fire to a pile of brush in his front yard with intent to destroy the place, it was contended in the earlier hearings. There had been previous trouble between Corbett and the four men, it was also declared.

REFUSED MILLION

Now Garland Decides He Would Like To Have It

Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 10.—Charles Garland who fourteen months ago refused one million dollars from the estate of his father, the late James A. Garland, of Boston, on the ground that it would be inconsistent with his views regarding property, today confirmed a report that he had had a change of mind and that he would accept the legacy.

Hamilton Garland, his younger brother, has also reconsidered his determination to reject the legacy and will accept it, according to James Garland, the oldest of the three brothers.

Charles Garland said he still thought the property system against which he revolted a year ago, was wrong but he had come to the conclusion that he ought not continue to refuse the money and allow it to lie idle. He believed it should be put in circulation.

HOW'D HE DO IT?

Has Bottle of Liquor 150 Years Old

Wilson, N. C., Jan. 10.—Henry E. Thompson of Stantonsburg, near here, lays claim to having one of the choicest bottles of moonshine liquor in the world. Mr. Thompson is the proud possessor of one quart of apple brandy distilled in Edgecomb county, North Carolina, in the summer of 1770. The whiskey has been in the Thompson and Snuggs families more than 150 years, Mr. Thompson having had the brandy more than 50 years.

Pittsburgh Has a \$250,000 Blaze

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 10.—Fire which swept the Eichbaum building in the Fifth avenue district today caused damage estimated at \$250,000. For two hours after the firemen responded to a general alarm they were unable to enter the building but the flames were finally brought under control by water poured from the tops of adjoining structures.

ARMAMENT PACT NEAR COMPLETION

EXPECTED THAT COMPLETE TEXT WILL BE READY FOR PUBLICATION LATE THIS WEEK—FINAL QUESTION UP.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Only details of technical phraseology remain to be worked out before the treaty for limitation of armament is ready for signature by the plenipotentiaries of the five great powers.

Passing today on its last question of policy, the armament committee of the Washington conferences decided against any present attempt to limit or regulate aerial warfare, and voted to refer the problem to a continuing commission for future study.

Then each of the five delegations, meeting separately, began an examination of the tentative treaty draft prepared by the subcommittee of experts. The delegation heads are to come together late tomorrow to compare opinions and it is expected that the complete text will be ready for publication to the world at a plenary session of the conference on Thursday or Friday.

Questions of definition, particularly with reference to the status of merchant vessels in war time, are understood to be the chief concern of the delegates in their efforts to agree on a wording acceptable to every one. Some features of the merchant ship probably already have been cleared away, however, and there is no indication that a prolonged discussion will result.

"With the armament end of the conference approaching final disposition the delegates are preparing to press the Far Eastern discussions also to an early conclusion. The Shantung question still is in doubt, but fresh hope for a settlement was aroused tonight when it became apparent that the negotiations on that subject were turning into new channels. The other remaining elements of discord in the Far East are not generally considered of a character to lend to extended debate.

AFTER DENBY

Says He Violated Game Laws Of Virginia

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—A communication has been addressed to Secretary of the Navy Denby by the Virginia State Commissioner of Game and Fisheries asking the Secretary to explain "why he hunted in Virginia without a license."

The communication was sent to Mr. Denby by M. D. Hart, secretary of the State Department of game and fisheries. Accompanying it was a clipping from a newspaper under a Fredericksburg, Va., date line, declaring that Secretary Denby "enjoyed a successful hunt at Point Farm, in Stafford County, near Fredericksburg; that the cabinet officer was accompanied by Colonel Cutts and Major Kingsbury and "took back to Washington a fine lot of quail and duck, some of them for President Harding."

CONDITION OF BANKS

Some Facts As Taken From Recent Statements

A study of the figures given in the statements called for up to December 31st shows that nine banks in Abbeville county have combined resources of \$2,237,030.54 and that their loans and discounts amount to \$1,572,641.73. The money credited to the savings departments was \$340,957.91 while deposits subject to checks were \$795,563.84. Bills payable amount to \$795,563.84. Bills payable and overdrafts were \$15,024.25.

DE VALERA BEATEN AS REPUBLIC HEAD

ARTHUR GRIFFITH NOMINATED TO BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO FORM PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT UNDER TERMS OF THE RECENT TREATY

Dublin, Jan. 10.—Arthur Griffith was placed in nomination this afternoon in the Dail Eireann for the office of chief executive, to form a provisional government for Ireland. Michael Collins placed Griffith in nomination and the motion was seconded by John McKeown.

The motion to reelect Eamon de Valera president of the Irish republic was defeated in the Dail Eireann today by a vote of 58 to 60.

As soon as the Dail Eireann convened this morning Eamon de Valera arose and placed his resignation as president of the Irish republic formally before the house.

Michael Collins, one of the leaders in support of the Irish treaty which was ratified Saturday over Mr. de Valera's opposition said that no one in the Dail wished to be put in the position of opposing President de Valera.

He pointed out that the Dail was now faced with the problem of taking over the government from the British and he suggested the formation of a committee, whose members would be chosen from both sides of the controversy, to keep the peace. Work and not talk was now required, he added.

Mrs. Thomas J. Clarke, moved the reelection of Mr. de Valera as president of the republic. Liam Mellows seconded the motion.

Arthur Griffith, speaking after Collins had concluded said the question of the treaty had been constitutionally settled and that there was nothing to prevent its terms being carried out.

Dublin, Jan. 10.—Arthur Griffith was elected president of the Dail Eireann today.

Eamon de Valera and his followers walked out while the vote was being taken, in protest against the nomination of Griffith. Speaker MacNeill put the motion for Griffith's election and he was unanimously chosen.

Griffith moved the appointment of the following:

- Minister of finance, Michael Collins.
- Foreign affairs, George Gavan Duffy.
- Home affairs, Eamon J. Duggan.
- Local government, Wm. T. Cosgrave.
- Economic affairs, Bryan O'Higgins.
- Defense, Richard Mulcahy.

BUYS SHOE SHOP

Experienced Men Come From Commerce, Ga.

W. E. Thompson of Commerce, Ga., and his brother, W. A. Thompson have bought the shoe shop on Trinity Street from Ray Clinkscales and will continue to operate the place at the same stand. The shop has been operated recently by Griffin Nickles, who it is understood, will open another shop in town.

The Thompsons have moved into the house recently occupied by L. Feinstein.

RUMOR INCORRECT

No License Charged Wood Sellers From Country

A rumor that city council had passed an ordinance requiring a license of wood sellers and people who sell country produce from wagons on the street, is incorrect, according to Mayor Mars. No such ordinance has even been considered he says, and the rumor may continue to sell as he always has.

First Christmas pantomime was produced in London in 1702.